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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: Davis et al.

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For: Method and Apparatus for Two  
Step Memory Write Operations

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This preliminary amendment accompanies the filing of a continuation application. Prior Application No. 09/169,736, filed October 09, 1998, received a notice of allowance on August 13, 2001.

Prior to examination, please amend the above identified application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Marked up versions of all revised paragraphs, showing insertions and deletions, are included in Appendix A.

Change the title of this application to: --Memory System and Method for Two Step Write Operations--.

Insert the following Section Title and paragraph on page, line 1, just after the title: